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THE OBSERVATOR.

More Remarks on the Pretender's Retreat. On the Addreſs of the Lords about Gregg, *and others, that correſponded with* France. *Inſtances of the ill Fate that has conſtantly attended thoſe, who rely'd on the Aſſiſtance of* France.

From Wednesday, March 31. to Saturday, April 3. 1708.

Obſ. I Hope you bring good News now, *Roger*; for I perceive your Budget's full.

Country-m. I have no great News, Maſter; but I bring you a Prophecy, and an Addreſs.

Obſ. What's your Prophecy, *Roger?*

Country-m. 'Tis that the *French* King will order *Te Deum* to be ſung, Maſter.

Obſ. For what, *Roger?*

Country-m. For a Victory, Maſter.

Obſ. He has obtain'd none, *Roger.*

Country-m. But if he has not, the Pretender has, Maſter.

Obſ. How do you prove that, *Roger?*

Country-m. By the venerable Authority of *Hudibras*, Maſter; and becauſe I'll keep you no longer in Suſpence, 'tis thus:

For when the Fight becomes a Chaſe,
He wins the Fight, that wins the Race.

Now, what do you think on't, Maſter? Han't I prov'd my Point?

Obſ. Bravely, *Roger*; thou'rt grown a witty Fellow. I hope to have an Account of ſeveral more ſuch Victories from thee, before the Campaign be over. But what's your Addreſs, *Roger?*

Country-m. 'Tis a thundering one, Maſter, from the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament aſſembl'd, relating to the Examination of Mr. *Gregg*, and others, about a Correſpondence that has been carry'd on with *France.*

Obſ. I am glad to hear of that, *Roger*; and wiſh their Lordſhips may have found the Bottom on't.

Country-m. I wiſh ſo too, Maſter; but by the Event, 'twould ſeem, the *French* King's Intelligence has ſcarce had any Bottom at all; and that his Correſpondents here, have ſerv'd him as ill, as our Spies, mention'd in the Addreſs, have ſerv'd us: So that I think it very plain, the Deceiver has been deceiv'd, for once at leaſt.

Obſ. I muſt own, *Roger*, that I think 'tis pretty evident, the *French* King, and his Friends here, have deceiv'd one another; ſo that he may now cry quits with them: For as they have deceiv'd him, by falſe Intelligence, he has deceiv'd them, by a falſe Effort of ſending the Pretender, with a Force ſufficient to eſtabliſh him as their King: So that it looks as like a State-Farce, as any I ever heard of.

Country-m. I hope, Maſter, this Diſappointment will cure our Jacobites of their Madneſs; and effectually convince them, that the *French* King's Promiſes and Aſſiſtance, is not to be rely'd on.

Obſ. They might have been convinc'd of that long ago, *Roger*, had they been endow'd with the Faculty of thinking: For 'tis evident, from the whole Courſe of his Reign, that he has prov'd a broken Reed; which, inſtead of ſupporting thoſe that rely'd on it, has run into their Hand, nay, ſometimes into their Heart, and given them mortal Wounds.

Country-m. Pray give me ſome Inſtances, Maſter; for I hope they may be of Uſe at this Juncture.

Obſ. With all my Heart, *Roger*; I ſhall begin with our own Royal Family, which is a Capital, as well as a Tragical Inſtance of the diſmal Fate of thoſe, who have rely'd on the Friendſhip of *Lewis* the XIV. and gone into his Meaſures. I might go higher, and ſhew how fatal a *French* Match, which put King *Charles* the I. upon *French* Methods of Government, prov'd to that unfortunate, tho' a learned, brave, and religious Prince: But I confine my ſelf to the Reign of the preſent *French* King, who, tho' King *Charles* the I. loſt his Life by following *French* Meaſures, acted ſo diſhonourable a Part to the Royal Exiles, his Sons, as to baniſh them again from his Court, in Compliance with the Uſurper; and after the Reſtauration, the Purſuance of *French* Councils and Meaſures, and following the Advice of a *French* Miſtreſs, had well nigh reduc'd King *Charles* the II. to the Neceſſity of travelling again, as Prince *Rupert*, his Kinſman, told him, upon the breaking out of the Popiſh Plot; and added, that if his Majeſty had a Mind to travel again, he did not intend to bear him Company. 'Tis very well known, that the late King *James* ow'd all his Misfortunes to his Apoſtacy from his Religion, by *French* Councils, and his putting *French* Methods of Government in Practice in this Iſland; yet we all know, how baſely the *French* King deſerted him, and attack'd *Germany* inſtead of attacking *Holland*; which, humanly ſpeaking, would have prevented the Prince of *Orange*'s coming hither, and by Conſequence, the Revolution. I know 'tis alledg'd in the *French* King's Defence, 1. That the late King *James* refus'd his Aſſiſtance, and rely'd on his Army, and the Paſſive Obedience, which was enacted by Law, and preach'd up, with ſo much Vigour and Zeal, by our Clergy. 2. That he did not doubt, but King *James* would have held out longer; and that it muſt have come to a Civil War, which it was the Intereſt of *France* to foment then, as well as they did in the Time of King *Charles* the I. that *Great Britain* might be diſabl'd, by the Inhabitants cutting one anothers Throats, from holding the Ballance of *Europe*, and preventing *Lewis* the XIV's Deſign of being Univerſal Monarch. But our Jacobites may remember, that the *French* King did ſtill diſappoint their Hopes. 1. By not ſupporting the late Viſcount of *Dundee* in *Scotland*, where he made ſuch a ſtrenuous Effort to reſtore the late King; towards which, in all Probability, he might have gone a great Way, had he been join'd by ſuch a Body of *French* Troops, as were ſent to ſupport the Rebellion of the Papiſts in *Ireland*; from whom, Experience might have taught the *French* King, that no great Matters were to be expected. 2. By not invading us, after his Fleet had obtain'd ſuch an Advantage over ours in the *Channel*; for which Neglect, I ſuppoſe, our Jacobites have not forgot, that they ſent Deputies to make a dolorous Complaint and Expoſtulation at the *French* Court. 3. I fancy their Memories are not ſo ſhort, but they may ſtill remember, how his Deſign of invading us from *La Hogue*, was diſappointed; how his *Royal Sun* ſuffer'd a fatal Eclipſe there, and left ſo many of our Jacobite Plotters, and Aſſaſſins, to make a dark *Exit*, as a juſt Reward of the Works of Darkneſs they had been engag'd in.

Country-m. Theſe are Inſtances indeed, Maſter, ſufficient to convince any Man of Thought, how fatal it is to rely on *French* Promiſes and Aſſiſtance,

Obſ.

Obſ. There are many more ſuch *Roger*; of which I ſhall but juſt mention a few, becauſe of the Narrowneſs of our Time and Room: *Viz.* That by purſuing his Councils and Meaſures, the Cardinal *de Furſtemberg*, the Electors of *Cologne* and *Bavaria*, and the Duke of *Mantua*, have been actually ruin'd, and *Spain* is now made the Theatre of a bloody War. Nor is it to be forgot, that the miſerable Condition of *Poland*, and the preſent War there, which threatens the Ruin of that large and noble Country, derives its Riſe from the *French* King's ſetting up the Prince of *Conti*, as a Pretender to that Crown. And as the Malecontents of *Hungary* have been all along ſupported by *France*, every one knows, that the Troubles there had their Original from the Perſecution and arbitrary Government, the Houſe of *Auſtria* was put upon by Jeſuitical Councils: And no Man has Reaſon to doubt, but it was the Intereſt of *France*, to make their Emiſſaries put that Court upon thoſe Meaſures, in order to weaken the Emperor, and make that Family leſs capable of diſputing *Lewis* the XIVth's Pretenſions to the Dominions of *Spain*, and the Univerſal Monarchy. For that it has been the Practice of *France*, for ſome Ages, to play with both Hands, we know too well, from Inſtances among our ſelves; of which I ſhall only mention two. 1. At the ſame Time they ſolicited for the Liberty of *Mary* Queen of *Scots*, by their Ambaſſadors, they made preſſing Inſtances under-hand, to have her put to Death, leſt ſhe ſhould have been marry'd to *Philip* the II. of *Spain*; and, by her Titles to the Crown of *Great Britain*, *Ireland*, and *France*, have pav'd the Houſe of *Auſtria*'s Way to the Univerſal Monarchy, of which they were then ſo ambitious; as we are inform'd by the Baron *de Maurier*, in his Lives of the Princes of *Orange*, and by other Authors of Note. The 2d., is, of their blowing the Coals of Contention on both Sides, betwixt King *Charles* the I. and his Parliaments; of which we have a very particular Account, in the Hiſtory of thoſe Times.

Country-m. I hope, Maſter, thoſe Inſtances, together with the preſent Diſappointment of our *Jacobites* and Papiſts; for which thoſe, that can be prov'd to have ſollicited this *French* Invaſion, may come to have a tragical End; will ſufficiently convince them of the pernicious Fate, that has always attended *French* Popiſh Councils, and Alliances, and prevail with them henceforward to become better Subjects.

Obſ. I hope ſo too, *Roger*; and wiſh we may all expreſs our Gratitude for this Deliverance, by reforming our Lives, and ſuppreſſing thoſe crying Sins of Bribery, Leudneſs, Drunkenneſs, Curſing and Swearing, Sabbath-breaking, and Contempt of Reveal'd Religion, which abound ſo much among us; leſt we provoke God, who has, at preſent, withdrawn the Rod he had ſtretch'd out over us, ſtill to chaſtiſe us with it, and make us a Prey to a *bitter and haſty Nation*; a Character as applicable to the *French* of late, as it was to the *Aſſyrians* and *Chaldeans* of old. I think we are ſo much the more oblig'd to this, *Roger*, becauſe I remember, in the Hiſtory of *Scotland*, that when *France* deſign'd, at the Time of the Reformation, to have re-impos'd the Yoke of Popery and Slavery upon that Kingdom, their *Dauphin* being then Husband to the *Scotch* Queen, the *French* met with ſuch Diſappointments, as forc'd them to confeſs, that God fought for *Scotland*. And, I think, 'tis as evident, that the Lord of Hoſts has fought for *Great Britain* now, by ſtriking a Terror into our Enemies, who otherwiſe had too fair an Opportunity of doing us Miſchief.

Country-m. We muſt talk next Time of the Addreſs of the Lords, and the Queen's Speech, Maſter. Good Night.

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